GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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EXODUS OF PILOTS
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the amount incurred by the Government on the training of pilots of the Government owned airlines during each of the last three years till date;

(b) whether the Government is aware that these pilots are lured by private airlines with lucrative offers;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps being taken by the Government for the protection of interest of the pilots and also that of Government owned airlines?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION(SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a): The expenditure incurred on training of Pilots during 2005-06,2006-07,2007-08 was Rs.13.20 crores,Rs.10.75 crores,Rs.17.89 crores respectively by the erstwhile Air India and Rs.11.28 crores,Rs.30.62 crores,and Rs.15.08 crores respectively by erstwhile Indian Airlines. Besides,Airline Allied Services Limited, a subsidiary of erstwhile Indian Airlines,incurred an expenditure of Rs.193.24 lakhs during 2005-06,Rs.107.81 lakhs during 2006-07 and Rs.300.00 lakhs during 2007-08 on trainig of its pilots.

(b): No, Sir.

(c): Does not arise.

(d): Besides providing job security,the Public Sector airlines have taken various steps to improve the service conditions o f its pilots.Some of the steps taken are as follows:

(i) Keep the emoluments at comparable levels vis-a-vis the established Indian carriers;

(ii) Revision of Loss-of-license Insurance and Insurance Coverage for pilots to provide them high degree of security;

(iii) Retain services of pilots beyond the age of superannuation subject to the validity of the license;

(iv) Revision of Productivity Linked Incentive and other allowances. Further,in order to check poaching of Pilots, Directorate General of Civil Aviation(DGCA) has also issued a Civil Aviation Requirement(Section 7 Series `X` Part II) in September, 2005,where by a Pilot intending to resign from an airline is required to give a notice of six months to his employer.